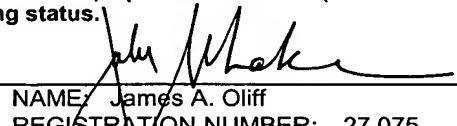


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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/573,025
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2005/000651	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE January 20, 2005	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED January 20, 2004
TITLE OF INVENTION HEAT TREATMENT APPARATUS		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Naoto NAKAMURA; Iwao NAKAMURA; Tomoharu SHIMADA; Akira MOROHASHI; Keishin YAMAZAKI; Sadao NAKASHIMA		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**  
**UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/**  
**ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) WITH DECLARATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (copy attached) mailed on July 10, 2006, submitted herewith is the executed Declaration of the inventors and a Power of Attorney. Any necessary Designation of Ten Attorneys for Power of Attorney or Transmittal of Power of Attorney and Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) is also attached. Also submitted herewith is, upon information and belief, an accurate translation of the application. Any specification attached to and referenced in the Declaration is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the Office in order to obtain a filing date for the application.

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy all requirements of the Notification of Missing Requirements. Accordingly, prompt issuance of a Notification of Acceptance and Official Filing Receipt, and prompt examination and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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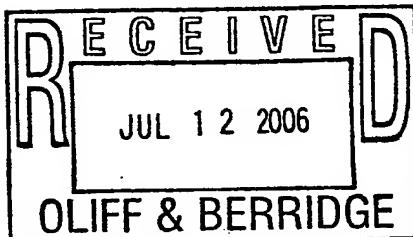


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## MISSING PARTS

### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

	DUE DATE
• Copy of the International Application filed on 03/22/2006	SEP 10 2006
• Copy of the International Search Report filed on 03/22/2006	
• Preliminary Amendments filed on 03/22/2006	
• Information Disclosure Statements filed on 03/22/2006	
• Request for Immediate Examination filed on 03/22/2006	
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The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5).

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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF PALM RECORDS**

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Sir:

Attached is a Supplement Application Data Sheet on which errors have been corrected. These errors are being brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office so that it may correct its records.

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